

KENTUCKY REGIONAL GENERAL CONDITIONS

These regional conditions are in addition to, but do not supersede, the requirements in the Federal Register (Volume 77 No. 34 of February 21, 2012)

Notifications for all Nationwide Permits (NWP) shall be in accordance with General Condition No. 31.

1. For activities that would result in a loss of Outstanding State or National Resource Waters (OSNRWs), Exceptional Waters (EWs), Coldwater Aquatic Habitat Waters (CAHs) and waters with Designated Critical Habitat (DCH) under the Endangered Species Act for the NWPs listed below, a Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) will be required to the Corps. The Corps will coordinate with the appropriate resource agencies (see attached list) on these NWPs for impacts to these waters.

NWP 3 (Maintenance), 7 (Outfall Structures and Associated Intake Structures), 12 (Utility Line Activities), 14 (Linear Transportation Projects), 29 (Residential Developments), 39 (Commercial and Institutional Developments), 40 (Agricultural Activities), 41 (Reshaping Existing Drainage Ditches), 42 (Recreational Facilities), 43 (Stormwater Management Facilities), 44 (Mining Activities), 51 (Land-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities), and 52 (Water-Based Renewable Energy Generation Pilot Projects).

2. In addition to the notification and agency coordination requirements in the NWPs, for impacts greater than 0.25 acres in all “waters of the U.S.” for the NWPs listed below, a PCN will be required to the Corps. The Corps will coordinate with the appropriate resource agencies (see attached list) on these NWPs:

NWP 3 (Maintenance), 7 (Outfall Structures and Associated Intake Structures), 12 (Utility Line Activities), 14 (Linear Transportation Projects), 29 (Residential Developments), 39 (Commercial and Institutional Developments), 40 (Agricultural Activities), 41 (Reshaping Existing Drainage Ditches), 42 (Recreational Facilities), 43 (Stormwater Management Facilities), 44 (Mining Activities), 51 (Land-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities), and 52 (Water-Based Renewable Energy Generation Pilot Projects).

3. For activities in all “waters of the U.S.” for the NWPs listed below, a PCN will be required to the Corps. The Corps will coordinate with the appropriate resource agencies (see attached list) on these NWPs:

NWP 21 (Surface Coal Mining Activities), 27 (Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment and Enhancement Activities), 49 (Coal Remining activities), and 50 (Underground Coal Mining Activities).

4. Nationwide Permit No. 14 – Linear Transportation Projects.

- (a) Activities in Section 10 navigable waters will require a PCN to the Corps.
- (b) New public road alignments or realignments are limited to a permanent loss of 500 linear feet of intermittent or perennial stream length at each crossing. Public road crossings with permanent losses greater than 500 linear feet of intermittent or perennial stream associated with new alignments or

realignments will be evaluated as an individual permit i.e., a Letter of Permission or as a Standard Individual Permit.

- (c) All linear transportation project crossings resulting in the permanent loss of greater than 300 linear feet of intermittent or perennial stream will require mitigation to compensate for impacts to the “waters of the U.S.” The permanent loss of “waters of the U.S.” includes the linear feet of water that is permanently adversely affected by filling, flooding, excavation, or drainage because of the regulated activity and not restored to pre-construction contours and elevations after construction. In addition to the notification requirements contained in NWP 14, the permittee must submit a PCN to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity for the permanent loss of greater than 300 feet of intermittent and perennial stream of all “waters of the U.S.”. (See General Condition 31 and the definition of "loss of waters of the United States" in the Nationwide Permits for further information.)

Further information:

Outstanding State or National Resource Water (OSNRWs), Exceptional Waters (EWs), and Coldwater Aquatic Habitat Waters (CAHs) are waters designated by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet. The list can be found at the following link: <http://eppcapp.ky.gov/spwaters/>

Designated Critical Habitat (DCH) under the Endangered Species Act is determined within the Commonwealth of Kentucky by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The current list of Kentucky’s Threatened, Endangered, and Federal Candidate Species can be found at the following link: <http://www.fws.gov/frankfort/EndangeredSpecies.html>

Information on Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) can be found at NWP General Condition No. 31 (Federal Register, Volume 77, No. 34, Tuesday, February 21, 2012, pp 10286-10288).

Mitigation includes activities that avoid, minimize, and compensate for impacts.

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